

REMARKS

Claims 4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-18 and 34 are pending with entry of this amendment.

Please cancel Claims 1-3, 5, 9, 11, 19-33 and 35-37 without prejudice.

Applicant acknowledges the indicated allowability of Claims 4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-18 and 34. Claim 10 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

At pages 2-6 of the Office Action, the Examiner improperly rejected Claims 1-3, 5, 9, 11, 19-33 and 35-37 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102(e) and 103(a). While Applicant disagrees with the merits of the rejections, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-3, 5, 9, 11, 19-33 and 35-37 without prejudice. Such a cancellation should not, however, be construed as an estoppel or an acquiescence to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102(e) and 103(a). Rather, Applicant has cancelled the aforementioned claims to further prosecution of the instant application.

Applicant has amended Claims 4, 6 and 9 to be independent in form. Claims 4, 6 and 9 and those claims dependent thereon are also allowable as indicated in the Action.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and, as such, it is earnestly requested that Claims 4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-18 and 34 be allowed to issue in a U.S. Patent.

The appropriate extension fees are submitted herewith; however, should any additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of the same, such a petition is made and the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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